From the gentlemen in the county and the clergv are re- V* quired 208 horsemen, each light horseman to be provided with a morocco saddle of buff or other good leather, and g:od furniture to it, a cuirass and casque, a northern staff, a long pistol, a sword and dagger, and a horseman s coat, tie cara- bines to have a petronel in place of the staff and pistol.

zotb October THE SPANISH LANDING

Upon this landing of the Spaniards in Ireland Sir Richard Leveson is to be sent forth with seven of the Queen s ships, the *Wastspte,* the *Garland,* the *Defiance^* the *Nonpared,* the Sa^*- *sure,* the *Crane* and the *Merlin^* with certain merchant ships of London He is given full power and authority to employ them against the Spaniards and their ships, and to destroy them to the uttermost of his po^er , and to pursue them, if cause be given, and to invade the countries of the enemy And should Sir Richard miscarry, Sir Amyas Preston, the vice-admiral, shall take charge of the fleet

^^ni October INSUFFICIENT LEVIES

The levies from Suffolk for the Irish wars were delivered 37 short of the 200 appointed to be at Rochester, and of the rest many unable for service; wherefore the captain petitioned the Lord Admiral for warrant to impress in Kent so many as shall be needed to make up their companies of tapsters, ostlers, chamberlains and other idle persons that pass to and fro in Gravesend barge

zjtb October THE PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLES.

This day was the first of the present Parliament About three of the clock this afternoon the Queen went by land to Westminster riding in a chariot, all made open, only like a canopy at the top, bemg of cloth of silver

or tissue, with divers Lords and others in their degree, being marshalled by the heralds , where having heard a sermon, she went into the Upper House The knights, citizens and burgesses of the House of Commons having notice that her Majesty with divers Lords spiritual and temporal were set in the Upper House hasted thither, but before they came the door of the House was shut, and notwithstanding any means made by them was still kept